

REMARKS

In response to the Election Requirement of July 16, 2007, applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 27-38, and 44-73 are pending, of which claims 1, 27, 50, and 64 are independent. Claim 1 has been withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 27-38 and 44-73 are presented for examination.

Election of Species

Responsive to the Election Requirement of July 16, 2007, applicants elect Species 3, upon which, at least, claims 27-38 are believed to read. This election is made without traverse.

Although the Election Requirement indicates that Species 3 reads on paragraph [0112] of the application, applicants note that this species is supported by additional portions of the application, such as, for example, portions of each of paragraphs [0006]-[0013], [0022]-[0025] and [0067]-[0116]; and FIGS. 5-13. To the extent that these paragraphs are not deemed by the Office to support species 3, Applicant solicits further information from the Office.

New Claims

New dependent claims 48 and 49 depend from independent claim 27. Accordingly, applicants submit that new dependent claims 48 and 49 properly belong within Species 3 and that new dependent claims 48 and 49 are allowable over the prior art of record at least because of their dependencies and for the reasons noted in connection with independent claim 27 in applicants' June 21, 2007 Supplemental Amendment in Reply to Action of February 26, 2007.

New independent claims 50 and 64 recite features similar to those recited in independent claim 27 and do so in the context of a system (claim 50) and a computer program product (claim 60). Accordingly, applicants submit that new independent claims 50 and 64 and their respective dependent claims, claims 51-63 and claims 65-73, properly belong within Species 3 and are allowable at least for the reasons noted in connection with independent claim 27 in applicants' June 21, 2007 Supplemental Amendment in Reply to Action of February 26, 2007.

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Conclusion

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

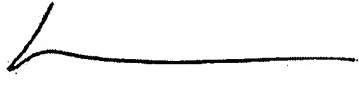
It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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